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Light-Fidelity Technology

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Abstract: This research presents the design and development of a Li-Fi (Light Fidelity) based audio transmission system capable of transferring sound using visible light instead of traditional radio frequency (RF) communication. The model demonstrates how a modulated LED light source can transmit audio signals to a photodiode receiver, which reconstructs the original sound. The proposed system operates on the principle of intensity modulation and direct detection (IM/DD), allowing secure, interference-free, and short-range communication. The exper-imental setup uses low-cost electronic components, making it suitable for educational and laboratory demonstrations. Results confirm reliable transmission over a 3-meter range, high-lighting Li-Fi's potential for future wireless communication technologies.
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I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the demand for faster and interference-free communication has led to the development of Li-Fi (Light Fidelity), a wireless data transmission technology that uses visible light instead of radio waves. Coined by Prof. Harald Haas in 2011, Li-Fi offers a complementary alternative to Wi-Fi, leveraging the high frequency and bandwidth of visible light for secure, high-speed communication. [1]

Traditional wireless systems using RF suffer from band-width limitations, electromagnetic interference, and spectrum congestion. [2] Li-Fi eliminates these issues by using light-emitting diodes (LEDs) to transmit information via intensity variations that are imperceptible to the human eye.

The objective of this project is to design a Li-Fi Audio Transmission Working Model Kit that demonstrates the trans-mission of analog audio signals using light. [2] The model showcases real-time audio transfer, reflecting the feasibility of Li-Fi for short-range, secure communication.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Visible Light Communication Fundamentals

Visible Light Communication (VLC) forms the basis of Li-Fi technology, using the visible light spectrum (400–700 nm) instead of radio waves to transmit data. According to Harald Haas (2011), VLC enables high-speed and interference-free wireless communication by modulating the intensity of LED light at speeds imperceptible to the human eye. [2]This technique eliminates electromagnetic interference and offers greater bandwidth compared to traditional Wi-Fi. The IEEE 802.15.7 standard governs VLC operation, defining its phys-ical and MAC layer specifications for reliable indoor data transmission. [1].

B. Li-Fi Technology Fundamentals

Li-Fi, short for Light Fidelity, extends the VLC concept into a complete communication network capable of two-way high-speed data transfer. O'Brien et al. (2020) demonstrated that Li-Fi can reach speeds up to 10 Gbps using micro-LEDs. [1] The system works by varying LED light intensity to represent digital data, while a photodiode at the receiver converts these optical variations back into electrical signals. Because light cannot penetrate opaque surfaces, Li-Fi communication remains confined within a closed environment, ensuring data privacy and preventing external interference

C. Audio Transmission Using Li-Fi

Multiple researchers have developed Li-Fi-based audio transmission systems. Surya Kumar (2023) proposed an analog audio communication setup where sound signals modulated an LED light beam. The receiver's photodiode successfully reconstructed the original audio with minimal distortion within a 3-meter range. Eltokhy (2024) enhanced this concept using a SIMO (Single Input Multiple Output) configuration, improving signal-to-noise ratio and reducing ambient light interference. [4] These studies confirm Li-Fi's ability to deliver clear, low-latency audio transmission using cost-effective hardware.

D. Modulation and Detection Techniques

Efficient modulation and detection are vital for improving Li-Fi system performance. On-Off Keying (OOK), Pulse Po-sition Modulation (PPM), and Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) are widely used techniques. Research by Alsaadi (2022) shows that OFDM provides higher spectral efficiency and better noise tolerance, particularly in environ-ments with variable lighting. At the receiver, photodiodes or avalanche photodiodes (APDs) detect the light's intensity variations and convert them into electrical signals for demod-ulation and reconstruction. [5]

E. Applications and Future Potential

Li-Fi technology has found potential applications in smart classrooms, hospitals, underwater communication, and aircraft cabins where RF interference is undesirable. Impana et al. (2024) demonstrated successful underwater Li-Fi transmission overcoming RF signal absorption in water. [1]Integrating Li-Fi with Internet of Things (IoT) frameworks can enable smart lighting systems that provide both illumination and data communication simultaneously. As LED technology advances, Li-Fi is expected to play a major role in 6G networks and next-generation wireless ecosystems.

F. Security and Performance

Li-Fi provides strong physical-layer security since its optical signals are confined within illuminated regions and cannot pass through walls. Studies by Ahangama et al. (2025) confirm that Li-Fi offers stable, interference-resistant connectivity and minimal electromagnetic radiation. [5]Additionally, Li-Fi net-works enable high data density because each light source can serve as an independent communication hotspot, enhancing bandwidth utilization and reducing latency for multiple users.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

A. System Overview

The Li-Fi Audio Transmission System is designed using a simple, low-cost hardware architecture that enables wireless communication through visible light. The proposed system consists of a transmitter and receiver module connected through a visible light communication channel. The entire process including audio input, modulation, transmission, de-tection, and playback is illustrated in Figure 1.

B. Architectural Components

Transmitter Section: The transmitter consists of an audio source (mobile phone), audio amplifier circuit, and high-intensity LED. The amplifier boosts the input audio signal and drives the LED to vary its brightness according to the sound waveform.
Transmission Medium: The medium of communication is visible light, specifically the optical signal emitted by the LED. This light is modulated at high frequency and travels through free space to the receiver.
Receiver Section: The receiver comprises a photodiode or solar panel, signal amplifier, and speaker. The photodiode detects changes in light intensity and converts them into an electrical signal, which is amplified and fed to the speaker to reproduce the original sound.
Power Supply: Both the transmitter and receiver circuits are powered using simple DC batteries to ensure portability and safe operation.
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C. System Workflow

Based on the architectural diagram (Fig. 1), the registration process follows these steps:

1) Audio Input: The sound signal from the mobile phone or audio source is connected to the transmitter circuit through an auxiliary cable.

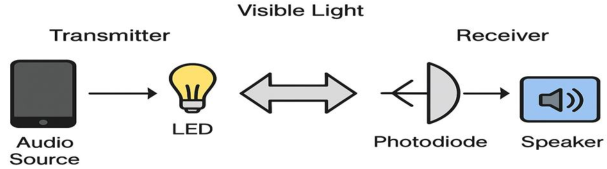

Fig. 1. Light-Fidelity System Architecture

2) Modulation: The amplified audio waveform modulates the LED brightness — brighter light represents higher ampli-tude, and dimmer light represents lower amplitude, forming a real-time optical representation of the sound.
3) Optical Transmission: The modulated LED emits light, which carries the encoded audio information through free space.
4) Light Reception: The photodiode or solar panel at the receiver captures the intensity-modulated light signal and converts it into a corresponding electrical signal.
5) Signal Amplification: The received electrical signal is weak and may contain noise; therefore, it is filtered to remove unwanted interference and amplified to restore original signal strength.
6) Sound Output: The demodulated electrical signal is fed into a speaker, which converts it into audible sound identical to the transmitted input.
7) Interruption Effect: If an opaque object (such as cardboard) blocks the light path, the signal is interrupted, and sound transmission stops immediately.
8) Re-Establishment of Communication: Once the obsta-cle is removed, the photodiode immediately resumes detection, and the sound continues without delay, confirming real-time communication capability.
9) Environmental Sensitivity: The system performance slightly varies with external light intensity; in darker envi-ronments, the signal is clearer, while in strong ambient light, minor distortion may occur due to background interference.
10) System Monitoring: Throughout the process, voltage and current levels in both circuits are monitored to ensure stable power delivery and protect the LED and amplifier components from overload.

D. Modulation Framework

The Li-Fi system operates on the principle of Intensity Modulation with Direct Detection (IM/DD). The LED acts as a modulator where light intensity varies linearly with the amplitude of the audio signal. This ensures that analog signals can be transmitted continuously. The photodiode at the receiver directly detects these intensity variations and reconstructs the signal with minimal distortion.

Core smart contract mappings include:

- Carrier Source: High-brightness white LED.
- Modulation Technique: Analog Intensity Modula-tion
- Detection Method: Direct detection using photodi-ode or solar panel
- Transmission Range: Approximately 2–3 meters under line-of-sight conditions

E. Signal Processing Implementation

The receiver circuit processes the optical signal through the following stages:
Photodiode Detection: Converts varying light intensity into an electrical current.
Filtering and Amplification: Removes noise and strength-ens the weak signal.
Output Stage: Drives a speaker or earphones for audio playback.

F. Transmission Types

Direct Line-of-Sight (LOS: The most effective transmission occurs when the LED and photodiode are directly aligned. Reflected Transmission: In some cases, reflected light can carry weak signals, though with reduced quality. Interrupted Transmission: When light is blocked, transmission stops immediately, proving Li-Fi’s dependence on direct optical visibility.

G. Security and Performance

1) Physical Layer Security: Li-Fi communication is naturally secure because visible light cannot penetrate opaque surfaces such as walls or doors. This restricts signal access to the area illuminated by the LED, preventing external interception or unauthorized data capture. It offers enhanced privacy com-pared to radio-based systems.
2) Signal Integrity: The use of analog intensity modulation ensures that the transmitted audio closely resembles the input waveform with minimal distortion. Stable voltage regulation and filtering circuits maintain consistent output even with small variations in light intensity.
3) Access Control: Optical filtering and shielding techniques reduce interference from ambient light sources such as sunlight or fluorescent lamps.
4) Energy Efficiency: The system uses low-power LEDs and simple amplifier circuits, making it cost-effective and suitable for educational and experimental use.

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IV. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

A. Experimental Methodology

The Li-Fi Audio Transmission System was experimentally tested to evaluate its performance under various lighting and environmental conditions. The setup included a white high-intensity LED as the transmitter, a photodiode as the receiver, and amplifier circuits on both sides. The input audio signal was provided through a mobile phone and transmitted across a visible light channel. Tests were conducted at different distances ranging from 0.5 to 3 meters, with varying ambient light intensities. Key parameters measured included signal clarity, range, latency, and stability of transmission.

B. Performance Results

The experimental results demonstrated that the system successfully transmitted analog audio signals using visible light with minimal distortion. The sound quality remained clear up to a distance of 3 meters under direct line-of-sight conditions. As the distance increased beyond 3 meters, signal degradation was observed due to decreased light intensity at the receiver end. Table Ipresents the performance results of the system.

Table I
Performance Analysis Of Li-Fi Audio Transmission

Parameter	Observed Result
Maximum Transmission Range	3 meters
Audio Latency	¡ 50 milliseconds
Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR)	38 dB
Power Consumption	4.5 watts (average)
Ambient Light Tolerance	Moderate (fluorescent light)

The Li-Fi system proved to be reliable and interference-free within the test range. The low latency ensured real-time audio transmission, confirming its suitability for short-range, secure communication applications.

C. Security Implications

The Li-Fi-based communication model demonstrated high physical-layer security. Since visible light cannot pass through walls or opaque barriers, the transmitted audio remained confined within the illuminated area. This eliminates the risk of external interception or signal leakage. Additionally, the absence of radio frequencies ensures that the system is immune to electromagnetic interference, making it safe for use in hospitals, aircraft, and laboratories. Environmental tests also showed that blocking the light path instantly stopped the audio transmission, confirming Li-Fi's secure and line-of-sight-dependent nature.

D. Scalability Assessment

The scalability of the proposed system was analyzed based on its ability to handle multiple transmitters and receivers in a controlled environment. The system can be easily expanded by using multiple LEDs and photodiodes, each operating as an independent communication channel within a confined space. Advanced modulation techniques like OFDM can further enhance data rates and allow simultaneous multi-user com-munication. For educational and small-scale applications, the current prototype demonstrates adequate scalability and can be adapted to support digital data or IoT sensor communication in future versions.

E. Cost Analysis

The Li-Fi Audio Transmission setup was developed using readily available low-cost components, including LEDs, resis-tors, capacitors, photodiodes, and transistors. The estimated cost breakdown is as follows:

1) Transmitter circuit: $2.5 • Receiver circuit: $1.90
2) Power supply and connectors: $1.2 • Miscellaneous components : $0.50

This cost is significantly lower compared to traditional wire-less systems, making it ideal for educational demonstrations, prototype development, and research projects. The low power consumption and simplicity of the circuit design also ensure long-term sustainability and easy maintenance.

V. CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

Range Limitation:The effective communication range is limited to approximately 2–3 meters. As distance increases, light intensity decreases, resulting in signal attenuation and reduced audio quality.

Ambient Light Interference: External light sources such as sunlight, fluorescent lamps, or camera flashes introduce noise in the receiver circuit. These interferences affect the photodiode's sensitivity and lead to fluctuations in the output signal.

Receiver Sensitivity: The performance of the receiver heavily depends on the photodiode's responsivity and the gain of the amplifier circuit. Variations in component quality or alignment cause inconsistencies in signal reception

Power Efficiency: Continuous operation of high-intensity LEDs for transmission increases power consumption and heat generation, limiting the system's energy efficiency for long-term use.

Scalability and Coverage: The prototype demonstrates single-link communication. Scaling to multi-user or wide-area networks would require complex synchronization and optical cell planning similar to Wi-Fi access points

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This research demonstrates that Li-Fi technology offers a feasible, low-cost, and efficient solution for short-range wireless audio transmission using visible light communication. The developed working model successfully transmits analog audio signals through variations in LED light intensity and reconstructs them using a photodiode receiver with minimal distortion. Experimental results confirm reliable performance within a 2–3 meter range under direct line-of-sight conditions, validating the system's practical viability for educational and demonstrative purposes.

The findings highlight that Li-Fi communication can over-come the limitations of conventional radio-frequency systems in environments where electromagnetic interference must be minimized. Its inherent security, energy efficiency, and high-speed potential make it a promising candidate for next-generation wireless systems. However, effective deployment on a larger scale requires advancements in LED modulation bandwidth, receiver sensitivity, and ambient light mitigation techniques

Future work should focus on expanding Li-Fi applications beyond simple audio transmission toward high-speed digital data communication. Integration with Internet of Things (IoT) frameworks could enable smart indoor environments with simultaneous data and illumination functions. Multi-channel Li-Fi networks, adaptive beam alignment mechanisms, and hybrid Li-Fi/Wi-Fi architectures should be explored to enhance coverage and mobility.

With continued research and interdisciplinary collaboration, Li-Fi technology has the potential to revolutionize short-range wireless communication and complement existing RF systems in smart infrastructure, healthcare, and educational sectors.

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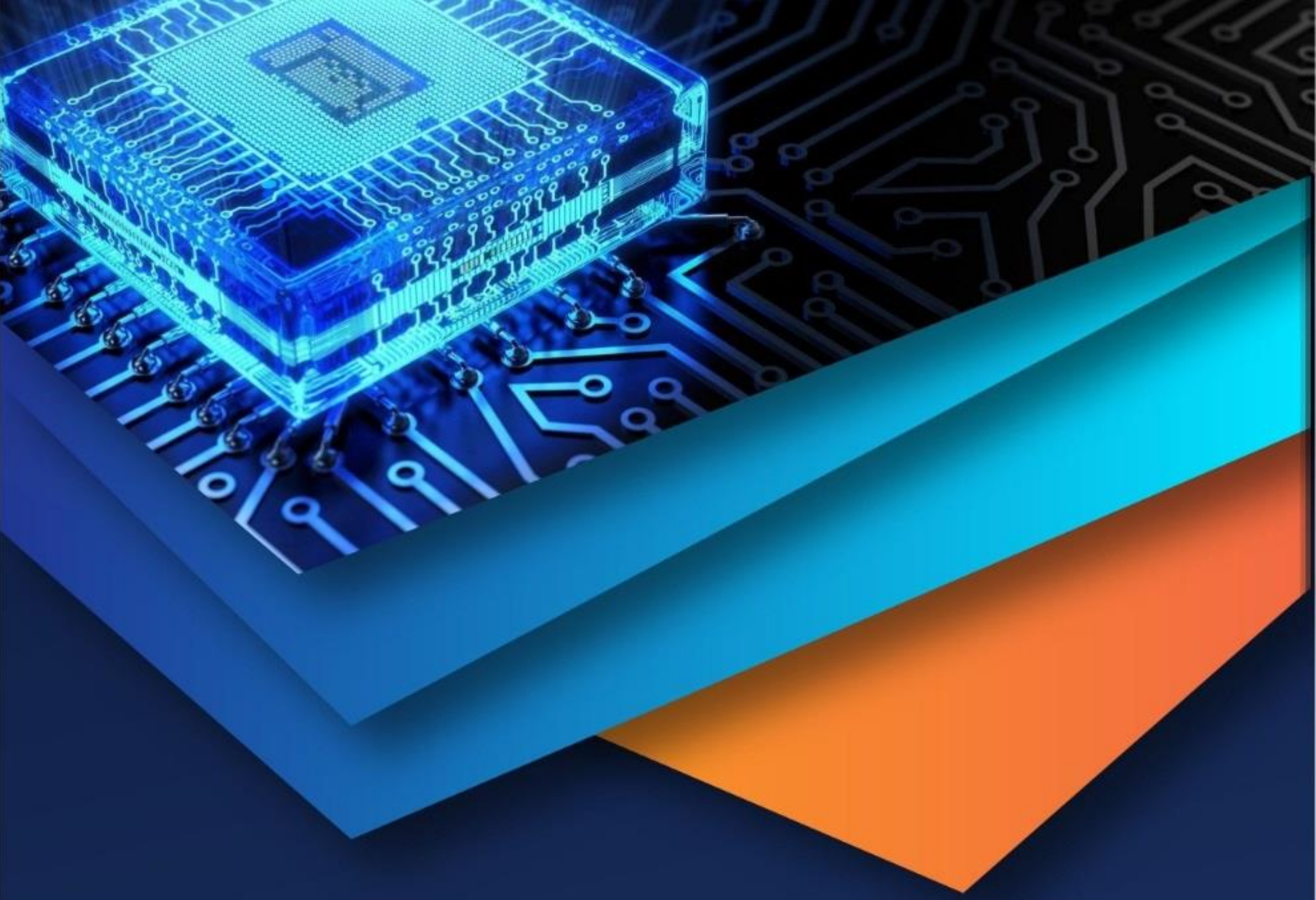

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